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English Plus Coalition Opposes Referendum

by Catherine Anderson

At a Statehouse press conference, the Massachusetts English Plus Coalition recently announced its opposition to the "English Only" non-binding referendum passed in Lowell last November. The English Plus Coalition, composed of students, educators, religious, labor and community leaders, stated that the "English Only" referendum promotes bigotry and threatens the civil rights of linguistic minorities.

The non-binding referendum does not sanction any law, but does pave the way for future legislation that could declare English as the official language of the state. Advocates of English Only throughout the state, including George Kouloheras, the Lowell School Committeeman who sponsored the referendum, are collecting signatures to include an English Only question on the 1992 Massachusetts ballot.

Leaders from the Asian community and Latino community, including Representative Nelson Merced, sponsor of a bill to declare Massachusetts a multicultural state, and Daniel Lam, director of the Massachusetts Office of Immigrants and Refugees urged advocates,

voters, and students to oppose English Only in the state of Massachusetts.

Daniel Lam said the law was "a mean-spirited and hurtful idea, unkind to people who come here to struggle for a living for their families" and that he would work with the English Plus movement to oppose it.

Suzanne Lee, spokesperson for English Plus, outlined the group opposition to the Lowell referendum and similar laws passed this year across the country, "Such acts jeopardize the constitutional rights of all, particularly those whose native language is not English. English Only threatens access to basic human services, equal educational opportunities, and participation in the electoral process. It institutionalizes a second-class status for immigrants, and promotes a climate of racism and bigotry."

Warren Pepicelli from the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union stated that the union is opposed to the referendum and any move to make English the official language of the state. Speaking for the union he said, "We recognize that English maybe the primary language used in this country, but the ILGWU feels it is unnecessary to make

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Castle Square Group Walks Out of Meeting

by Catherine Anderson

A violation of confidence was the reason why the Castle Square Tenants Organization walked out of a meeting called by the Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood Council last Nov. 16, said the CSTO spokesperson, Deborah Backus.

In a prepared statement before an audience of Castle Square tenants, city officials, and members of the CNC, Backus stated that the CSTO was outraged not to be informed of the planned 3 pm meeting at the Quincy School. Ann Moy, CSTO member who translated Backus' statement into Chinese, added that she wanted to know how CNC Director George Joe obtained residents' mailing addresses, and why he scheduled the meeting at a

time inconvenient to residents. Then she and a small group of Asian residents followed Backus out of the meeting.

Accusations on both sides soon followed. George Joe said the meeting was called to address Asian tenants' complaints about leaking ceilings, parking, and security. The group of older Chinese women who walked out with Ann Moy, he claimed, did not know they were acting in protest. "These are the same ladies who were calling me up to complain about the conditions at Castle Square. They didn't know they were being manipulated."

The 500 unit housing project, located in the South End, but technically within the domain of Chinatown, is home to at

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Chinatown Leaders Give the BRA a Push

BRA board members, Francis X. O'Brien and Consuelo Thornell. "It's a neighborhood they've heard about on paper, but haven't seen before. For others it was a chance to see Parcel C, and Parcels A and B again."

Parcel C at the corner of Nassau and Oak Streets is the site of the proposed community center which would include a new home for the YMCA, as well as office space for at least six other agencies. Parcels A and B, also known as R3 and R3A at Oak St. and Washington St. is the

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Immigrant Women Need Jobs, Education



"It's a harder time for immigrants now than ever before," said Meizhu Lui, president of the hospital workers' union local 1489, at a conference on women's access to jobs and education. Budget cuts, employers' sanctions and the English Only movement make survival in Massachusetts even more difficult, Lui told the audience of 100 women who filled a Harvard University room at the forum sponsored by the Massachusetts Office for Immigrants and Refugees.

The Forum, titled "Building a Future for the 1990's: Immigrant Women and the Workplace,"

the Working Woman" explored the barriers immigrant women face in this country where, according to keynote speaker Rosaria Salerno, the "fear of pluralism, fear of diversity" is nationwide.

In the midst of these hard times, unions are still the force of social change for immigrants, said Lui, a second generation Chinese-American. Pointing to local 1489 as an example of how immigrant women can take control of their workplace, Lui told the audience how she and her co-workers won significant changes for themselves. One victory was

attend English classes. Before, the hospital would only pay for courses related directly to hospital work, and the grants usually went to professionals. The hospital now sets aside \$25,000 per year for training available to workers.

Liu, dressed in her kitchen worker's uniform, reminded the audience that not all women choose higher education or a professional career. Social service providers should support the choices immigrant women make, Lui added, and help them fight for better working conditions, paid release time for ESL

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English into a law. People should be given every opportunity to learn English, but at the same time they should feel comfortable expressing themselves in their native language and honoring their cultural traditions."

The Massachusetts Coalition for English Plus supports both services for immigrants in their own languages, as well as increased educational programs in English. They support strong bilingual education programs and the resolution introduced by Rep. Nelson Merced (D-Boston) declaring Massachusetts a multi-lingual, multi-cultural state.

The priority of the Coalition at this time is to "convert a difficult community" by informing English speaking voters about the cultural and linguistic contributions of immigrants through public debates, T.V. and educational drives.

Some coalition members think that the general public has no idea that English Only plans to do away with needed services for immigrants, and that the English Only movement is spearheaded by a larger, nationwide group, U.S. English.

According to Lydia Lowe, coalition member from the Chinese Progressive Association, there were a few Lowell residents who voted for English Only because they thought it would provide more educational services to the Cambodian community.

While English Only proponents maintain they support more English education for immigrants, their actions don't bear out these claims, said Jose Vincente, from the National Committee of Puerto Rico. When the committee lobbied in Washington for more English classes, the U.S. English movement opposed it.

Charles Garguilo, board member of Committee for a Better Acre, and advocate for immigrants rights in Lowell, stated that the bill became known as the "Bigot Bill" in Lowell. "If you were answering my phone you would know that the calls people were making were not for information, but to convey racial slurs and epitaphs toward immigrants."

Garguilo credited the efforts of the Save Our City Campaign and the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association in defeating two anti-bilingual education School Committee members, Sean Sullivan and Kathryn Stoklosa. Although the Lowell referendum and the supporters of Kouloheras won, the defeat of the school committee members signals a success, Garguilo noted.

In San Francisco, Garguilo noted, the English Only campaign won by a 94 percent majority. In contrast, the referendum won by a 75 percent majority, indicating that Lowell residents were doubtful.

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classes, and the right to promotions.

"I love working with patients. This what I've chosen to do, even though my parents want me to be something else," Lui said, describing the benefits, both economic and personal, of serving food to patients at Boston City Hospital. "I earn \$9.50 an hour, get 15 paid holidays, and have job security. I can tell off my boss when something isn't fair because we have an elected union that protects my job."

For immigrant Asian women, who have been taught by their culture to be quiet workers, learning how to fight back in the United States is a valuable lesson and one essential to their survival, said Lui.

Another hopeful sign to remember, said Garguilo, is that last year Latino parents sued the city of Lowell for discriminating practices in its bilingual program and won.

Massachusetts could follow the fate of California, the English Plus coalition warns. Before the passage of its English Only law, the state had one of the best bilingual education programs, but now it has no bilingual education program in place.

Other possible effects of an English Only state law signal severe restrictions for people whose native language is not English. In a time of fiscal crisis, state support services to multi-lingual groups could be easily challenged, warns the English Plus Coalition. The state could be forced to cut its funding of bilingual education, bilingual ballots, hospital interpreters, and bilingual materials to inform citizens of tax information, social services, and health information.

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site for a 261 unit complex composed of moderate and mixed housing. Community leaders are currently pushing the BRA to facilitate progress on the sites.

Part of the tour included a look inside the rubber vinyl bubble on Tyler St. which houses the YMCA. "We wanted them to see the nooks and crannies," said George Joe. "We took them inside the bubble and told them, 'this is why we need a new YMCA.' It was kind of a push." Originally installed in 1971, the large yellow dome was destroyed by the 1978 blizzard. The current rubber "air structure" as it is called by the manufacturer was erected ten years ago, but only guaranteed for seven. Although major patching was recently completed, YMCA Director Richard Chin says the bubble is always vulnerable to heavy snowstorms or hurricanes.

The new South Station was included in the tour because of the BRA's recent encouragement to developers seeking air rights to also help Chinatown build or finance much needed affordable housing. Michael Hunter, the South Station planner from the BRA, reported at a CNC monthly meeting that 500,000 square feet of the 2 million square footage will be reserved for ventures in medical research and biotechnology. Proposals which look to provide benefits for Chinatown, including employment and training tied to medical research, and projects which support housing will be preferred, Hunter said.

Meanwhile, progress on the community center and housing complex has been advancing slowly. The Community

"We have learned in our culture how to survive in the U.S. In Chinese culture, endurance, quiet, are the backdoor means to happiness. But in the United States, it doesn't pay to keep quiet. We have to organize, speak up, take advantage of new opportunities."

Encouraging women to be independent is the emphasis of Bonna Sam's counseling work at the Lowell Community Health Center. Sam counsels young Cambodian women who have dropped out of school because of pregnancy. One of the most troubling aspects of her job is that many employers will not hire young women who are pregnant because they don't want to pay insurance. These young women are victims, Sam says, because they need jobs and education but they can't get

either. "It is difficult for anyone from a different culture and different language. Everyone of us has a dream to do something, but not everyone can overcome and be a success." Sam adds.

These young Cambodian women are caught in a web familiar to many immigrant women, Sam explains. They need jobs to survive, yet they are troubled by competing drives: the fulfillment of their parent's wish that they marry, and their own desire for education and independence.

In her culture, Sam said, a woman is socialized to be submissive, to marry at 18 years, and be the perfect wife and mother. Sam, herself wanted something different, "I resisted and went to college. I wasn't ready to get married, but many

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Center Committee is ready to hire a development consultant, but the BRA is stalling on a decision to pay the consultant's salary. The Community Center group asked for a temporary interest free loan until linkage funds come through, but the BRA has not yet approved the loan. At this point, the project is three months behind schedule, said Pancho Chang, Community Center Committee member, and if a development consultant cannot be paid soon, the project will lose credibility.

The Community Center will house seven agencies: the South Cove YMCA, the South Cove Community Health Center, the Chinese American Civic Association, the Chinatown Boys' and Girls' Club, Quincy School Community Council, Chinese Progressive Association, and the Asian American Resource Workshop.

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least 360 Asian families. The Druker Company, which has owned the complex since 1966, plans to sell it to Winn Development. Since April, Winn Development has been negotiating with the CSTO and the Druker company over provisions of the sale which would allow tenants to buy their own apartments within 15 years.

The CNC was invited by Stephen Coyle, BRA director to assist in Castle Square negotiations, said George Joe, because of the CNC's interest in representing Asian tenants and its experience with developers. "We're not trying to move in on anybody," Joe said.

Recently, negotiations reached a stalemate when the CSTO discovered that Druker's leasing of the garage on Herald St. may have been a violation of the South End Urban Renewal Plan. Tenants claimed that the garage should accompany the sale to Winn, rather than remain with Druker who wants to double the number of spaces in the lot for continued leasing to the New England Medical Center.

Until recently, when the garage dispute emerged, said Backus, the CNC had no interest in Castle Square. "We are making progress without them. We negotiated with Winn to include four more security guards, and to increase their operating budget by 25 percent. They are only trying to undermine our organization." Because Winn Development Co. does not want the garage to be part of the sale, Backus said, and the CNC could be supporting the Druker Company and its con-

tinued lease of the garage to New England Medical Center.

The Herald St. garage is included in the traffic and parking proposal of the medical center's master plan, which may also provide community benefits for Chinatown, specifically, weekend parking at the Herald St. However, finalization of the community benefits package is pending until the Castle Square dispute can be worked out.

Bill Moy, moderator of the CNC, said that plans for developing parcels A, B, and C include coordinating a traffic plan with New England Medical Center, which will extend to Castle Square, but that the CNC has no desire to interfere with negotiations between the CSTO, Winn Development, and the Druker Co. "We are trying to protect the Asians in Castle Square. It is not our objective to be intrusive to the process," Moy said. If the CSTO wants to keep the garage, Moy added, the CNC would have no objection. His major concern is that there would be no room for a compromise. "We don't want to see people walk away from the table. Druker doesn't have to sell. The worst case scenario would be for him to pay off the mortgage and turn apartments into market rate units."

Ralph Coles, of Winn Development said the garage controversy could be handled by looking at the number of parking spaces needed, rather than who owns the garage. "My objective is not to make it an emotional problem, but to look at how many spaces are needed by Castle Square tenants, and try to generate those spaces away from the garage. The garage may be a partial solution." In reference to the allegation that Druker profited from leasing the parking lot to Tufts, Coles said, "Druker plowed profits right back into the complex, as audited statements show. That's why rents were so low."

However, tenants have claimed for many years that the project is not kept up by management. Often, they have had to make repairs themselves or withhold rent in order to force Druker to fix leaky plumbing, broken windows, and problems with vermin. Neglect is in violation of the land disposition agreement made between Druker and the BRA when the sale was made in 1966.

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Jimmy Yee talks with fellow postal workers about his plans for retirement from the Essex St. Post Office. Jimmy worked for fifteen years at the Essex St. office. For the future, he looks forward to a "regular life" and travel around the U.S. and China. "He'll really be missed around here," said co-worker Frank Whitney.

Mayor Sent Bush Letter to Support Chinese Students

President Bush's recent veto of a bill which would have extended visas to Chinese students who request an extension because of their involvement in the pro-democracy movement worries area students who fear they would face execution on their return. The bill, approved overwhelmingly by both the Senate and the House, would have extended Chinese nationals' visas to four years, after which they could apply for permanent residency. Bush justified the veto by referring to his extension of students' visas earlier this summer after the Tiananmen Square massacre.

Press secretary Bill Hanlow told the *Sampan* before the bill was vetoed that such legislation might create problems, and would lead to "congress meddling in the President's right to conduct foreign policy." At the same time, Bush is expanding a

policy that would offer political asylum to Chinese or other foreign visitors who oppose their country's policy of sterilization or forced abortion. At the urging of the Independent Federation of Chinese Students and Scholars, Mayor Raymond Flynn had sent the following letter to President Bush before the veto on Nov. 30th.

Dear Mr. President: I am writing to urge you to support Chinese students in America in their struggle for democracy in China by signing into law the "Emergency Chinese Immigration Relief Act of 1989."

Congresswoman Pelosi and her colleagues have the interests of not only Chinese students, but of all of us who love freedom in mind when House Bill 2712 was introduced. This legislation, when signed into law, will stop forced return to China for those among our 40,000 visiting

students who fear return to their country.

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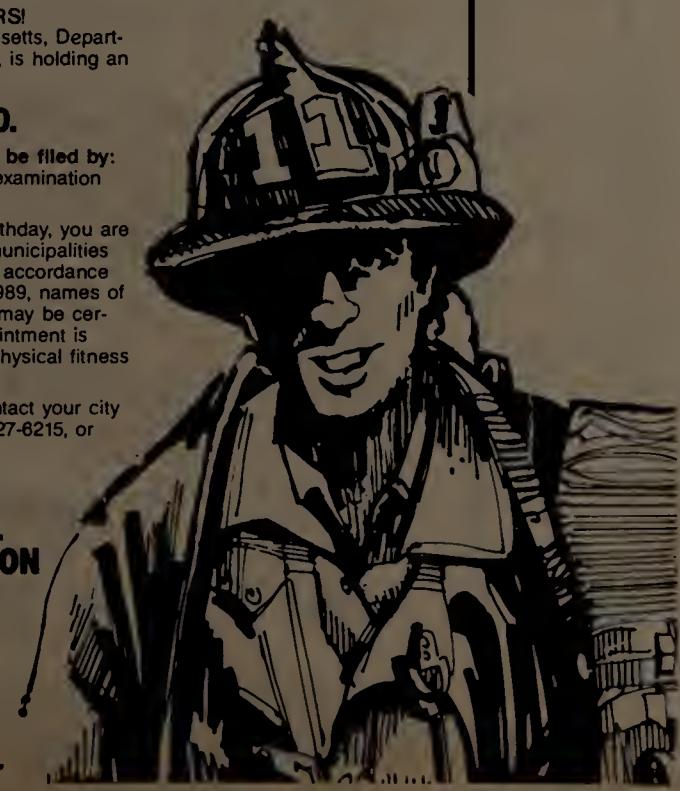
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All of the accused were found guilty. Some faced public executions without appeal. Today, secret executions at the foot of Beijing's Marco polo Bridge are reportedly still being carried out in the pre-dawn hours. These actions were designed by the Communist government to create fear in the Chinese public. Because of these gruesome events, Chinese students in our schools are afraid to return to their homeland.

Of the 1,400 Chinese scholars and students in the Boston area, more than half of them are here on visiting scholar's visas which carry a mandated 2 year foreign residence requirement in China at the completion of study. This restriction puts a heavy burden on Chinese students. It places them in danger of imprisonment and persecution once they return home.

After the Tiananmen Square massacre, the world saw dramatic changes on the other side of the globe. In Poland, Solidarity Leader Lech Walesa sat down next to the

communist leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski in open discussion to institute a free election. In Berlin, the Wall is being dismantled with people on both sides cheering. In Hungary, Bulgaria, and now Czechoslovakia, cheers for freedom fill the air.

On Capital Hill, the Pelosi bill has been passed overwhelmingly by the House and unanimously by the Senate and now awaits your signature. Signing this legislation will maintain America as a sanctuary of liberty for those who face oppression in their homelands.

Finally, it was here in the Boston area that the Aquino family lived in exile before returning to the Philippines to lead their country in democratic reform. They lived here without fear and, no doubt, learned strong lessons about democracy. The Chinese students need the same protection. On behalf of the city and the people of Boston, I strongly urge you to sign the Pelosi Bill into law.

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IN FOCUS

Chinese Workers Begin to Form Union

(Editor's note: Recently, the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union announced that workers at Knight/O'Brien Medical, Inc. in Cambridge are in the process of forming a union. The majority of workers are Chinese-American women who have never organized before. Please see the inset which accompanies this article for details.)

by Vivian Lee and Lydia Lowe

The new drive to unionize Chinese immigrant workers by the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union is an historic step forward for the Chinese community. As some of the most exploited workers in the American labor force, Chinese immigrant workers must join workers' organizations and allies to strengthen their position in society. To understand the significance of unionization today, it is important to recall the history of Chinese workers and organized labor.

The early history of labor and Chinese workers is a disturbing one. During the 1800's, labor organizations such as the Workingmen's Party coined the slogan, "The Chinese must go!" In response to the economic depression, they led the demand for the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 "to rid the country of cheap Chinese labor as soon as possible." These sentiments were fueled and fanned by the importation of Chinese workers as strikebreakers in labor conflicts such as the shoe factory strike in North Adams which introduced the Chinese to Massachusetts. Labor decided that the Chinese could not be organized, and white workers began to see Chinese as their enemy.

Meanwhile, Chinese workers were restricted to the dirtiest and most dangerous work in the mines, laundries, restaurants, and fields. Chinese working the Transcontinental Railroad were paid lower wages than their white counterparts.

Much of the divisions and stratification we see in the American working class today had its roots in this history.

Yet Chinese workers have a

proud history of struggle to improve their conditions. They have organized strikes for equal wages and better working conditions without union backing, and formed workers' organizations such as the Chinese Hand Laundry Alliance and the Chinese Unemployed Council in New York, and the Chinese Workers' Mutual Aid Association in San Francisco. But without the resources, organization, and backing of the American labor movement, Chinese workers have often fought and lost their battles alone.

There have also been important examples of solidarity and inclusion. The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union is a positive example of a union which built its strength by organizing immigrant workers. In the 1930's, the ILGWU began to organize Chinese immigrants, and led a 1938 strike against the National Dollar Stores, owner of the largest garment factory in San Francisco Chinatown.

But for the most part, Chinese workers have been and continue to be unorganized. In this context, the development of the Chinese Progressive Association Workers Center in Boston in 1987 was an important step forward. As a community-based organization for Chinese workers, it strengthens Chinese workers' struggles with information about workers' rights, organizing community-based campaigns around workers' and unemployed issues, and help workers develop their leadership.

While organizations like the Workers Center will continue to be important, unionization means a new level of progress for Chinese workers. Conditions for all workers are worsening, with wage and benefit cuts becoming commonplace. For Chinese workers to make gains, they need institutional backup, resources, and allies. A union is an organization for this purpose and is legally recognized by the government as the workers' representative. With a union, workers can have a contract which guarantees them rights and benefits, a paid staff to help

Two months ago former International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU) members who were employed by Knight/O'Brien Medical Inc. contacted the Chinese Progressive Association (CPA) and the ILGWU about getting the Union's help to protest layoffs which they felt were unjust and to get those on layoff back to work. After a couple of meetings with the CPA, the ILGWU, and the workers, the workers decided that they needed and wanted Union representation in order to improve their working conditions. In a short period of time the majority of workers signed Union authorization cards declaring that they wanted the ILGWU to be their representative in bargaining with the company for better wages and working conditions.

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) was sent an election petition by the Union. The Union also sent a letter demanding recognition to the company. Based upon the Union's request for an election, the NLRB set the date for the election as Dec. 21, 1989 which was agreeable to both the Union and the company.

Through conversations with the company representative, the Labor Board and the Union, the Union insisted that the laid off workers should be reinstated and as a result, the company finally agreed to the Union's demand. All the laid off workers were called back to work.

The ILGWU together with the CPA have been keeping all the workers informed as to their rights and the progress of their drive to unionize their workplace.

As is common in these situations, the company has begun a campaign to dissuade workers from exercising their rights of self-organizing. Following the Union's success in having the laid off workers called back, the Union has now filed charges with the Board to force the company to give back pay to the workers who were laid off.

(Provided by Kathy Lucas, director of the Organizing Department of the New England Region of the ILGWU.)

the days when Chinese workers can be ignored.

Immigrants are an increasing percentage of the workforce. Predictions are that by the year 2000, only 15 percent of those entering the American workforce will be white native-born men. More unions are seeing that the future of the labor movement lies in unionizing the unorganized immigrant minority, women workers. Unions are also seeking community allies to strengthen unionizing drives and electoral issues like the 1988 ballot question to protect the future of union contracts in the state.

A number of local unions now offer English as a Second Language classes, citizenship programs, and help with immigration problems. With the largest Chinese membership of any union, the ILGWU has taken the lead on a number of these issues both nationally and locally: lobbying against immigration restrictions and English Only laws, and advocating for interpreters at the unemployment office. As more Chinese workers become participants in organized labor, their voice will lend support to these trends.

workers enforce the contract, a lawyer to handle legal disputes, and fellow union member to back them up. A union organizes workers from all background, so that the management cannot weaken their demands by dividing employees along nationality lines. Community support is also key, but it cannot replace the strength of a union.

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Asian-American Writing Sparks Memories

The Forbidden Stitch, edited by Shirley Geok-lin Lim, et al. Calyx Books, 1989. Paperback: \$16.95

by Karin Aguilar-San Juan

There are moments when I feel I have no voice, no body, no tangible presence in the world. It's not that I'm too shy or timid to make myself seen or heard in my community of friends and fellow activists here in Boston; anyone who knows me knows that I can make my mark as well as the next woman. Instead, I, like a hundred other Asian and Asian-American women in this country, must battle constantly against society's desire to make me invisible. I was glad to find this anthology, the long-awaited result of Calyx Books' efforts to make visible the experience of Asian women in the United States.

The title was taken from a Chinese allegory that Maxine Hong Kingston weaves into her landmark novel, *The Woman Warrior*. In that tale, an ancient Chinese emperor bans a beautiful embroidery knot that was so complicated to execute it drove knot-makers blind. Hong Kingston's woman warrior claims, "if I had lived in China, I would have been an outlaw

knotmaker." *The Forbidden Stitch* therefore celebrates the women writers who dare to exhibit their creativity, despite the toll exacted from them.

Calyx Books first put out its call for manuscripts for the collection in 1985. Publisher Margarita Donnelly refers to a "long gestation," a "difficult birthing," and a "beautiful child," but as a publisher at South End Press here in Boston, I think four years to produce a book like this isn't bad at all. Although Donnelly remarks in her introduction, "we were surprised to discover this anthology was a first and still is as it goes to press-- an important indicator of the level of invisibility Asian American women experience in this society," she may not be entirely accurate since Beacon Press released a similar anthology this fall, *Making Waves*. In fact, it appears that the big publishing houses (for example, Harper & Row and Random House) have already figured out that Asian women writers are "in": to wit, Amy Tan's success with her first novel, *The Joy Luck Club*, a provocative though frustratingly unpolished work.

The contributions to *The Forbidden Stitch* fall into four categories: poetry, prose, black

and white photographs of artwork, including painting and sculpture, and reviews of other books by Asian women writers. There is something here for everybody, and the editors made sure to represent as many facets of the Asian-American experience as they could; however, Shirley Geok-lin Lim, guest editor for the anthology, aptly states, "we do not share a common history, a common original culture or language, not even a common physique or color. . . . we Asian-American women are not single but plural." Consequently, Lim presents the book "to awaken the reader to the vitality of cultural difference itself," rather than to give clear boundaries to the definition of the Asian-American woman.

The editors' attempt to include photos of artwork and the reviews of books is an interesting way to give Asian artists and writers added visibility, although to get the real flavor of their work, nothing short of seeing a painting or a sculpture, or reading a novel will do. I spent most of my time perusing the poetry and prose, pieces I found exciting and inspiring if only because this is the first time many of the writers will see their work in print.

I was particularly moved by a poem by Virginia R. Cerenio called "Family Photos: Black and White: 1960" that captures the tender hope many Filipino immigrants display for their future:

...the mother, young and plump, from eating american food. . . .

no longer the shy village beauty she crosses her legs casually and laughs at the photographer she hopes her mother in the philippines will be very proud.

A 1960 photo of my then newly-wed parents on their way to America carries a similar feeling. My father's dedication of the photo to his mother was, however slightly burdened by sadness: "Dear Ina, before my father died, he had always wanted me to go to the United States. Now [that we're going], it's as if he were going, too."

The simple hope of Asian immigrants evident in Cerenio's poem contrasts sharply to the complex longing for a home that is conveyed in several pieces by U.S. based Asian women. In "Autumn Gardening," a short story by Boston writer Siu Wai Anderson, a Japanese *hibakusha* (survivor of the U.S. bombing of Hiroshima in 1945) living in New England, contemplates her obligation to those Japanese who were killed in the war. Mariko's friend Mitsuye appeals to her lack of purpose by asking her in a letter to become more active as a *hibakusha*:

The world needs to hear from us. . . You and I owe it to all those people who lost their lives. . . I suppose you could call this 'bearing witness,' as the Jewish people did to get through the concentration camps. . . After all

those years of wishing I'd never survived, now I feel I'm doing something worthwhile."

In a more oblique way, in "Downtown Seattle in the Fog," poet Tina Koyama hints at the powerlessness she feels:

"All day, I wear a grey disguise that buttons over half-toned dreams, and even scarves in my pocket can't assert themselves better than my shoes. . . I steal time at night and feel cheated when I dream without color. . . ."

Because of the poem's inclusion in this anthology, I understand Koyama's sentiment to be related to her status as an Asian woman in America, although there is no reason why she couldn't be writing about a more generalized angst.

Overall, though, most of the pieces in this anthology speak directly to the woman writer's experience as Asian or Asian-American in this country, and for that reason alone, the book is a welcome addition to my own collection of writings by women.

(Karin Aguilar-San Juan was born in Boston, and is of Filipino heritage.)

Art Contest

The Sampan announces an art competition open to all Asian artists of any age. The selected work will be the cover of the Chinese New Year edition of *The Sampan*.

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ASIAN CALENDAR

ARTS

Oct. 16-Dec. 8: "Beyond Ink and Color" an exhibit by Hong Kong artist Nancy Chu Woo. Shown at the Chinese Culture Institute, 276 Tremont St. Gallery hours are from 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesday-Saturday. Admission is free.

Nov. 4-Jan. 7: Text as Image: Japanese Calligraphy from the Eighth through Nineteenth Centuries, an exhibition featuring Buddhist texts or sutras on ornamented papers, hanging scrolls with poems inscribed by the hand of Zen masters, and compositions from the Edo period uniting paintings and poems with literati themes will inaugurate the year-long celebration of the founding of the Department of Asiatic Art. At the Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston, Ma.

Dec. 1-Feb. 18: Faces of China, sixty portraits, ranging in format from small Indian miniatures and Japanese screens to hanging scrolls and Chinese handscrolls will be featured at the Musuem of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston, Ma.

Dec. 13: The Many Faces of Asia, a lecture by Prof. Sherman Lee. From opulent images of Indian rulers and contemplative representations of Chinese priests to colorful renditions of popular actors from Japan, Asia has a long and rich tradition of portraiture. In spite of the rich abundance of such images from the seventh century on, the subject of portraiture in Asia remains relatively

unstudied. Dr. Lee, former director of the Cleveland Museum of Art, is an outstanding expert on the subject. At the Remis Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave. Boston, Ma.

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Dec. 9: Christmas Party! The AARW, DECCA, and OCP are co-sponsoring a Christmas party at the Sheraton Tara in Newton Corner. Party includes seafood dinner. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. At 6 pm.

Dec. 9: Children's Christmas Party! All children from preschool to grade 6 are invited to a Christmas party at the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, 249 Harrison Ave. There will be fun, food, and a free present for each child. From 2 to 4 pm.

Dec. 17: Annual Christmas Party! Games, food, prizes,

and Santa Claus at the South Cove YMCA "Bubble," 48 Tyler St. Children under 12 invited, from 2 to 4 pm. Free admission.

Dec. 16: Vietnamese Concert

A fundraiser to sponsor the Vietnamese political prisoners featuring Huong Lan, Trizzie Phuong Trinh, Tuan Vu, Pham Huu and Mhat Minh at Marsh Auditorium, Boston University, 602 Commonwealth Ave. Tickets are \$25 and \$15. Concert begins at 4 pm. For ticket information, call Hai Thanh Nguyen at 825-0800 or 287-1649.

Dec. 21: Chinese Golden Age Center Annual Christmas Party! Party welcomes elderly from the community and is free of charge. At the Quincy School auditorium, 885 Washington St. at 1 pm.

Chinatown Boys' and Girls' Club Activities: Discovery Program, arts and crafts, every Tuesday and Thursday, 4-6 pm. **Tutorial and Counseling Program**, elementary, high school, and first year college students, preparations for PSAT, SAT, and Achievement Exams, help with College and Financial Aid application. **Job Access Program**, assistance in job training and placement. For more information, contact Joe Tam: 426-0545

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Immigrant Women

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are forced to marry, and then the future is gone." Her own struggles with this influence have been great, said Sam, who at the age of 24 is pursuing a full-time career rather than marriage, a decision which still troubles her family.

Sam's personal struggles have helped her to counsel clients who have had no practice in decision making. "I can be a role model for them. I can help them do for themselves. I support them, but I don't do for them. They have to take the responsibility."

The numbers of high-school drop-outs are rising, reported Sylvia Saavedra-Keber from the Mass. Dept. of Employment and Training. Young immigrant workers entering the job market, male and female both, face an uncertain future without adequate skills, she notes.

The Dept. of Education predicts that 20 percent of the students who started high school in 1986 will not graduate by 1990. With a labor decline of 10 percent, Kaebler said, the outlook for jobs is bleak for people without a high school education. For women who hold 30 percent of clerical jobs which are facing a 6.5 decline, the need for higher education and training in ESL, math, and computer skills is vital. "The year 2,000 is now," she said. "Between 1970 and 1980, the Afro-American population increased 20 percent, the Latino population 103 percent and the Asian 55 percent in Boston. We are here to stay. It's time to organize, tell Education and Training that we can't take it anymore. They need to support training and more ESL."

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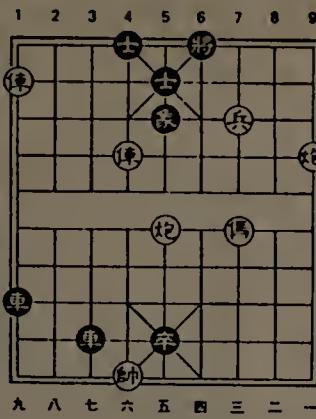
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前期「吐膽傾心」一局着法有異曲同工之

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這局也是「馬後炮」殺法之一例，與

前局一樣。

劍橋市 O'Brien Pharmaceuticals/Knight 正藥廠的工人，大部份是女工婦女，她們現正組織加入國際女服製衣工會。對波士頓市華埠社區有何要呢？女服製衣工會收容人加入工會，是社會的一大步。在工人的努力下，工會進一步強化了工人的地位。這局也是「馬後炮」殺法之一例，與前期「吐膽傾心」一局着法有異曲同工之勝。

華工和勞工運動

李蕙芬

工們只有獨自為戰，雖然面對許多不利因素，華工仍然組織了罷工，爭取平等工資及較好的工作條件，組織勞工團體，如華工手洗衣裳製衣聯盟，紐約的失業華工議會及在三藩市的華工互助會等。

有些關於團結和組織華工的重要例子，實際女服製衣工會是工會的一個明確例。他們以組織移民工人來建立其力量。在一九三〇年，該工會已開始組織華人反對一月在三埠最大的製衣工廠名。在未來的一年時間裏，工人都未能繼續組成一個全國性的支持團體。當時勞工界在這兩年已開始聯絡不相容的工會。

在未來的新紀元（即二〇〇〇年），預計民佔美國的勞動力日漸增高，

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中華藝文苑 舉辦 傳統派中國畫聯展

歡迎藝術家踴躍參加

中華藝文苑美術部近年來的美術展覽偏重於現代藝術。除中國藝術家外，每年固定做一個亞裔藝術家聯展，和一個西方藝術家的聯展。後者是看中國藝術對西方的影响。

今年藝文苑計劃舉辦一次傳統派（這是一個權宜的泛稱）中國畫聯展。有興趣參加的藝術家請寄幻燈片及資料到藝文苑。

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朱容

紐約業餘京劇團演出霸王別姬



紐約業餘京劇團應哈佛大學世界音樂檔案之邀，在十一月十一日人種音樂學協會舉行年會期間到來波士頓，特別演出一場京劇霸王別姬。

—宋明怡攝—

小腳與大鞋

陳志強

位於波士頓城北部海邊的沙林鎮，以巫術著名。此外還有一個頗具規模的 Peabody Museum。這個博物館中藏有不少十九世紀前後新英倫與亞洲航貿有關的藝術陳列品。為了獲得一個正式統一的中文譯名，該館於數月前公開徵求中文館名競賽，海內外人士參加者頗為踴躍，結果計有七十三個不同的中文名字提供。結果以佛羅列達州泰萊克斯市的胡小慧（譯音）獲得首獎，提供「碧波臺」之名，係英文 Peabody 的同音。居于麻州衛斯理城的楊慶儀得第二獎，提供「航貿博物館」為名。碧波臺航貿博物館為了慶祝中文定名，特於十一月五日（星期日）下午三時，在該館開會，由董事顧問陳文慧宣佈並呈現該館正式中文譯名，與會中美人士，一致拍手，會後並有中華藝術協會表演民謡和舞蹈。

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於十一月三十日否決了該法案。

費林在信中強調，二百年前的美國獨立革命，開啓了人們為反抗大英帝國統治，爭取基本平等和自由權利的努力。近百年來波士頓及其他城市也變成了人們追求自由、民主及人權的天堂。二次大戰期間，由於這種免於恐懼的自由吸引了許多自由鬥士及獨立思考者加入美國學術界。而阿昆諾，在返回非律賓領導民主運動前，也曾在波士頓地區接受民主洗禮。天安門事件之後，很多人被捕，被處決，因而許多

也許從袁世凱開始吧，每一次民主浪潮來臨的時候，總有這樣一種人出現，他們腳會這麼小？是不是天生就這麼小？為什麼人家的腳可以健步如飛我們就不行？原因不在於我們還不曾穿過的大鞋，而在於我們還沒有把纏腳的布解除！封建專制！

這號臭布不讓我們有一雙正常的天足。現在我們要做的，並不是急於找一對大鞋硬套在還綁着臭布的小腳上，而是先把這塊

的鞋，前進的步伐才能穩健。

當前中國民主運動的重點仍在鬆解腳布，你看北京民運的口號不都是：打倒官倒、反對老人政治、反對新聞封鎖……都

是針對封建專制的，至於「民主萬歲、自

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限制。對在天安門事件之後，因害怕回國遭受迫害而不願返國的中國留學生提供保護。這法案獲參衆兩院一致通過，布殊却

，以保護有受迫害威脅的中國留學生。

這種論點犯了偷換概念的謬誤。即將一般的民主要求推到一個極端的概念，把一點一滴的民主探索等同為要求實行立

即全面、徹底，或某種西方固定模式的民

主，並將之套落中國之國情現實，然後說

：「你看，這麼大的鞋怎麼適合這麼小的

腳？所以嘛，中國只配穿上小號的鞋。」

問題在於他們不去探究為什麼中國前進的腳會這麼小？是不是天生就這麼小？為什麼人家的腳可以健步如飛我們就不行？原因不在於我們還不曾穿過的大鞋，而在於我們還沒有把纏腳的布解除！封建專制！

這號臭布不讓我們有一雙正常的天足。現

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主之幌子，亦非搞專制之口實，請休吧！

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紐英崙醫院、王安演藝中心將舉辦第四屆鄰里神奇樹亮燈慶祝會，時間為十二月八日（星期五）中午十二時至下午二時在西寶廣場（Seybolt Plaza, 755 Washington Street）

十二時十五分有遊行樂隊蒞臨，節目有波士頓芭蕾舞團胡桃夾子舞蹈員、Kunstense劇演員、小丑、中國舞龍、約西亞昆士學校樂隊及合唱團、魔術表演及聖誕老人。請踴躍參加。

華人青年會

週年聖誕聯歡會

華人青年會將於十二月十七日（星期日）下午二時至五時在泰勒街四十八號之會址舉行一年一度的聖誕聯歡會。有食物、遊戲、獎品及聖誕老人，收費全免。歡迎十二歲或以下兒童參加。

近期活動概要

中華青年聯誼會

※汽車講座

十一月九日下午二時在中華青年聯誼會（905 Main St., #2 Cambridge），薛世明談汽車的一般維護與如何選購舊車。

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※聖誕舞會

十二月二十二日晚上九時至零晨一時，在麻省理工學院學生中心一樓（Lobdell Hall）舉行，收費會員三元，非會員五元。須衣着整齊。

中華耆英會

聖誕慶祝會

中華耆英會一年一度的聖誕慶祝會將於十二月二十一日（星期四）下午一時在昆士小學禮堂舉行，歡迎社區耆老參加。查詢電話：四二三一七五六〇，中華耆英會。

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哈佛大學東亞系訪問學者，原北京大學哲學系教授劉笑敢將於十二月十八日（星期一）下午四至六時在哈佛大學高力治堂（Coolidge Hall）第二研討室，以道家無爲哲學及中國社會改革為題作演講，免費入場，歡迎參加。

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— 安凱伶採訪及攝影 —

中華廣教學校於十一月十四日在會賓樓舉行晚宴，歡送上任董事長黃兆英、阮國富，及舉行新舊校董會交接儀式。社區人士、廣教學校教師、校友等出席者二百多人，場面熱鬧。廣教名譽董事長黃炳英、阮國富，及廣教執行董事長黃炳英分別致詞，感謝社區對廣教學校的支持，及盛讚黃兆英過去十年對廣教學校的重大貢獻。市長費林亦贈送兩張獎狀給黃兆英、阮國富以示表揚。圖為市府華裔聯絡員李健遠（左）代表市長將獎狀致送兩位廣教前任董事長阮國富（中）及黃兆英（右）。

— 宋明怡攝 —

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服務郵政十五年
午三時在昆士小學禮堂召開堡壘村居民會議，目的聽取居民有關改善環境的意見，但結果因堡壘村居民團體提出抗議及率領與會居民一同離席而夭折。

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紀念天安門屠殺半週年燭光會



十一月十五日中華公所選舉下年度職員，黃炳鏐為唯一的主席候選人而順利當選。大會通過後，黃炳鏐起立對大家的支持表示感謝。

黃炳鏐在接受訪問時說：早在今年年初便有一些儒界長輩問他是否願意擔任中

華公所主席，直到九、十月間乃正式由黃宗親會提名他競選主席之職，他覺得這顯出了儒界對他的愛護和賞識。由於早在意料之中，當選主席並不令他極之興奮，但無論如何，是對他一項新的挑戰，他亦會量力而為。

黃炳鏐獲選中華公所主席 致力美化華埠 * 發展可負擔房屋計劃

能者多勞一身兼數職

現任華人經濟發展協會董事局主席、紐英崙三民主義統一中國大同盟秘書長、中華廣教學校執行董事長、紐英崙中華專業人員協會副會長多項職務，現再兼任中華公所主席，黃炳鏐表示，最初也確實自覺一個人精力有限，但考慮一番後，認為能為社區多做事總是好的，於是決心接受中華主席之職的挑戰。雖然擔負的頭銜很多，但有很多其他職員在幫忙他，而且多項事務也可就當時情況分出先後來一一處理。

他又表示，上任後，會致力繼續美化華埠的工作，基本上要從教育方面着手，以配合實際的執行方案。他說現在的華埠已比兩年前清潔了不少，只要努力下去，華埠一定可以成為波士頓一個好看整潔的

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